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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PARAGRAPH SEVEN OF SECRETARY DELL'S STATEMENT ON THE COMMON FUND, COVERING THE SECOND WINDOW. A COMPLETE TEXT OF THE SPEECH FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM:

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"SIMILARLY ON MEASURES OTHER THAN BUFFER STOCKING THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT YET GOT VERY FAR BUT I HAVE HOPES OF AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT. GROUP B COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY SAID THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A ROLE FOR THE FUND IN RELATION TO OTHER MEASURES PROVIDED WE CAN AGREE TOGETHER ON THE FUND'S BROAD OVERALL OBJECTIVES WE IN BRITAIN TAKE THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A ROLE VERY SERIOUSLY AND WE ARE ENCOURAGING OUR COLLEAGUES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUP B TO DO THE SAME. WE RECOGNISE, QUITE FRANKLY,
THAT A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPECT TO HAVE A
LIMITED INTEREST IN THE FUND'S FIRST WINDOW AND WE ARE
SEEKING BENEFITS IN OTHER ASPECTS OF ITS OPERATIONS.
OUR STARTING POINT IS THAT ANY FINANCIAL FACILITY OR
"SECOND WINDOW" IN THE FUND FOR OTHER MEASURES SHOULD TRY
TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ARRANGE-

MENTS WHICH, THROUGH THE WORLD BANKING AND ELSEWHERE, ARE ALREADY ACTIVE IN THE FIELD. BEARING IN MIND THIS EXISTING ACTIVITY, IT IS CLEAR THAT ANY "SECOND WINDOW" WOULD HAVE TO BE LIMITED IN SCALE; AND THAT ITS SCOPE, AS REGARD BOTH THE MEASURES TO BE SUPPORTED AND THEIR LINK WITH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS, WOULD HAVE TO BE PRECISELY DEFINED. EQUALLY IT WOULD, WE BELIEVE, HAYE TO BE FINANCED THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FROM DONOR COUNTRIES. BUT I BELIEVE THE THINKING OF MOST OTHER COUNTRIES ON OTHER MEASURES IS STILL AT AN EARLY STAGE' I SEE IT AS A PRIORITY TASK OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO ELABORATE OUR IDEAS IN THIS AREA."

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